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DEEP SEA FISHING POLICY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the deep sea fishing policy of the Government;

(b) the number of the trawlers made available by the Government in this regard alongwith the number of trawlers available at present; and

(c) the facilities provided to the fishermen involved in fishing in deep sea?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)
(a): The declaration of EEZ in 1976 facilitates Exploration, Exploitation and utilization of Marine living resources in the sea around India extending to 200 nautical miles, thereby giving the nation immense opportunities and challenges to harvest the resources and to manage thereon sound scientific basis.
(b): the number of deep sea fishing vessels permitted for operation and operating at present under wholly Indian owned companies is 85. The total number of vessels including tuna long liners permitted under joint venture are 42.
(c): The Government have provided soft term loan for acquisition of deep sea fishing vessels by import or by indigenous construction through Shipping Development Fund Committee (SDFC)In addition to this, the deep sea fishing vessels have also been permitted for mid-sea bunkering for taking their fuel while operating in the sea. The deep sea fishing sector have also been provided with import facilities such as spares and gears against their exports of their value added fish catches. Deep Sea vessels are provided with infrastructure support in terms of landing and berthing facilities.